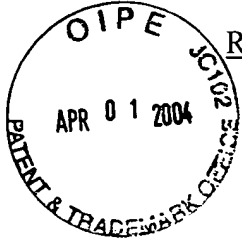


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: J.D. Duford et al. Attorney Docket No.: JORC117322
Application No.: 09/973,200 Group Art Unit: 3724
Filed: April 12, 2001 Examiner: K.E. Peterson
Title: POWER WORK TOOLS HAVING A SLIM PROFILE



REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 /
PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Seattle, Washington 98101

March 29, 2004

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application, in which prosecution is closed.

- X 1. A submission as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted as follows:
- X a. An Amendment/Response is enclosed herewith.
- X 2. Small entity status is as follows
- X a. Small entity status was previously asserted and continues to be appropriate.
- X 3. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the final Office Action, dated September 29, 2003, set to expire on December 29, 2003, be extended by 3 months, to expire on March 29, 2004. The enclosed check includes the 3-month extension fee of \$475.00.
- X 4. The filing fee for the present request for continued examination is calculated below.
- X a. No claims in excess of the number previously submitted are being added.

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COMPUTATION OF FEE

	Number Filed After Any Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Basic RCE Filing Fee	-	=	x	=	385
Total Claims	11	- 26	= 0	x 9	= 0
Independent Claims	4	- 5	= 0	x 43	= 0
Extension of Time			+	475	475
TOTAL					\$860

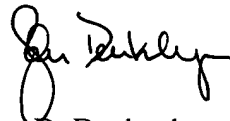
- X 5. Check No. **154626** in the amount of \$860.00, as computed above, is enclosed in payment of the required fees for filing the present request for continued examination.
- X 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this request is enclosed.

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